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1. FOLLOWING IS REQUESTED INFORMATION FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE:

A. USG COMMENCED ISSUANCE OF REFUGEE CONVENTION TRAVEL DOCUMENT ON AUGUST 1, 1973. DEPT. NOT AWARE OF ANY ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS THIS CONNECTION TO DATE.

B. SIXTH BIENNIAL WORLD CONFERENCE AT ABIDJAN OF WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW MOVEMENT, HELD AUGUST 26-31, PLACED ISSUE OF REFUGEE PROTECTION BEFORE DELEGATES FROM 123 COUNTRIES. PRESIDENT RHYNE IN GENERAL SPEECH ON OPENING MORNING OF CONFERENCE INCLUDED STRONG STATEMENT ON IMPORTANCE OF FULL UNDERSTANDING AND EFFECTIVE GLOBAL ACTION IN BEHALF REFUGEES IN OUR QUEST FOR UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND WORLD PEACE. AMB. KELLOGG DELIVERED NOTEWORTHY ADDRESS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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"REFUGEES AND HUMAN RIGHTS: THE PATH AHEAD", AT INITIAL

SESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS PANEL UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF WORLD ASSOC. OF JUDGES. KELLOGG STRESSED IMPORTANCE REFUGEE PROTOCOL AND CONVENTION AS HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES, AS CATALYST FOR RELIEVING TENSIONS, AND CALLED FOR ACCESSION BY THE NATIONS WHICH ARE NOT YET PARTIES. ON SECOND DAY OF

CONFERENCE REFUGEE SUBJECT DISCUSSED IN DEPTH BY PANEL OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF FELIX SCHNYDER, SWISS AMB. TO U.S. AND FORMER UNHCR.

2. CONFERENCE AT PLENARY ADOPTED 7 RESOLUTIONS DEVELOPED AT MEETING OF REFUGEE PANEL, RELATED TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF REFUGEE PROBLEMS INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND REUNION OF FAMILIES. WPTL ISSUED 45-PAGE BOOKLET WITH NUMEROUS ILLUSTRATIONS ENTITLED "THE LAW AND REFUGEES", OF WHICH 115,000 COPIES PRINTED AND BEING DISTRIBUTED BY WPTL TO HEADS OF STATE AND KEY LEGAL, JURIDICAL AND OTHER OFFICIALS IN 135 NATIONS. IN SUMMARY ABIDJAN CONFERENCE PROVIDED PIONEERING AND CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVE IN PLACING BEFORE LARGE DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF WORLD LEGAL AUTHORITIES THE IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF REFUGEE PROBLEM, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION AND RIGHTS IN PROMOTING HUMANITARIAN ENDS AND A PEACEFUL WORLD.

C. SUMMARY (GLOBAL BASIS) OF USG ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES OF CONCERN TO UNHCR (CASH AND/OR KIND) IN CY 1972 IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS:

PROGRAM, ORGANIZATION
OR GROUP AND AMOUNT:

USRP 2.20; ICEM 3.15; CUBANS IN US (HEW PROGRAM) 139.00; FERP.50; SOUTHERN AFRICAN STUDENTS .33; UNHCR 1.05; FOOD FOR PEACE 1.13; JEWS AND OTHER REFUGEES FROM USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE 2.89; UGANDAN ASIANS 1.62; REFUGEES FROM BURUNDI .15.

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U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNHCR IN HIS FOCAL POINT OPERATIONS:

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A. CASH 2.40
B. FOOD FOR PEACE 7.635

D. REFUGEES ENTERING THE U.S. FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT
FY 1973:

PAROLE

CUBA AIRLIFT 4,294
THIRD COUNTRIES 5,107
UGANDAN ASIANS 1,000 (APPROX)
SOVIET JEWS AND OTHER MINORITIES 650 (APPROX.)
CONDITIONAL ENTRY 8,519

PRECISE FIGURES FOR ENTRY OF REFUGEES ON IMMIGRANT
VISAS IS NOT AVAILABLE SINCE REFUGEE STATUS NON-RELEVANT
AND IS NOT CITED IN VISA APPLICATION OR OTHER RECORDS.
HOWEVER, TOTAL MAY BE ROUGHLY ESTIMATED AS AROUND 10,000.
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